“So in the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* there is quotation when Kṛṣṇa was born. It is the system of Vedic system. There are ten kinds of *saṁskāras*, reformation. And how much careful this Vedic civilization is, that a child will be born and he is taken care of since the day of the, I mean to say, joining, conjugation of the father and mother. *Garbhādhāna-saṁskāra*. How much they were expecting that a good son will come, and he will be so good that the society will be happy, the country will be happy, the world will be happy. Never they prescribed unwanted children like cats and dogs. No. So therefore there was *garbhādhāna-saṁskāra*.

Before the father and mother conjugate there is ceremony, *garbhādhāna*, for the higher caste. The higher caste were made not artificially. They had to follow nine great principles, then they are higher caste, not by rubber stamp, just like Gandhi wanted to do, taking the *bhaṅgīs*, the sweepers, and rubber-stamping "*harijana*." No. This is a process. Everyone is open to become a *harijana*, but not by rubber stamp but by training. That training is required.

People are avoiding the training and simply speculating in the mind, foolishness. How the world can improve? There must be training. Without training, simply by mental speculation, one can make any . . . *manasā mathurāṁ gacchasi*. Oh, you have to work. If you want to go California, you have to go there. Simply I am thinking, "I am going to California, California," will that . . .? No.

So similarly, actually if you want peace, then you have to work. The process is there. The process open for everyone, but you have to take it. Otherwise it is not possible. Therefore Lord Caitanya says, *manuṣya-janma sārthaka kari* (CC Adi 9.41): "You first of all make yourself perfect, then preach." Don't become yourself nonsense, and you become a preacher. No. *Āpani ācari prabhu jīvera śikṣāya*. Preacher must be in his life perfect. Then he can become a preacher. If I smoke, how can I say that, "You do not smoke"? “
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“So His spiritual master said: "So it is very nice, my dear Caitanya. You have developed all these symptoms. So I am also obliged to You because I initiated You. Now You are so perfectional stage, in a perfectional stage, so I am thinking myself, also, proud, that I have got a disciple like You, or You have been benefited by me." So His spiritual master said like that.

> *nāca, gāo, bhakta-saṅge kara saṅkīrtana*
> *kṛṣṇa-nāma upadeśi' tāra' sarva-jana*
> (CC Adi 7.92)

Now here is another order. The first order is that "You chant." And when the disciple is in the perfectional stage, the spiritual master orders that "Yes, continue this chanting." *Nāca, gāo, bhakta-saṅge kara saṅkīrtana. Nāca, gāo,*

bhakta-saṅge. Here is the particular word that, "You chant and sing and dance in the societies of devotees, not otherwise." *Bhakta-saṅge*. This particular word is there. Because otherwise you'll not feel quite comfortable. *Abhakta*. *Abhakta* means those who are not devotees. They cannot participate with this chanting or dancing.

Therefore it is particularly mentioned that *bhakta-saṅge*: "You chant and dance in the society of devotees." *Nāca, gāo, bhakta-saṅge kara saṅkīrtana*: "And Yourself enjoy this chanting and dancing, and at the same time," *kṛṣṇa-nāma upadeśi' tāra' sarva-jana*, "at the same time preach the Kṛṣṇa consciousness philosophy so that others may also be delivered.

Don't be satisfied that You have attained the perfectional stage, so Your business is end. No. You have to distribute this sense of Kṛṣṇa consciousness to the world so that others may take also advantage." *Kṛṣṇa-nāma upadeśi. Upadeśi* means "Instruct *kṛṣṇa-nāma*: about Kṛṣṇa, and Kṛṣṇa's name, Kṛṣṇa's fame, Kṛṣṇa's entourage, Kṛṣṇa's glories, Kṛṣṇa's form." There are so many things about Kṛṣṇa. The Kṛṣṇa science is *Bhagavad-gītā*, *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, principally, and there are many other supplementary books of knowledge about Kṛṣṇa.

So this is also another duty of this line, Kṛṣṇa consciousness. *Āpani* . . . there is another . . . Caitanya Mahāprabhu said that *bhārata-bhūmite manuṣya-janma haila yāra* (CC Adi 9.41):Anyone . . ." He is ordering all Indians. *Bhārata-bhūmite* means all Indians. He does not say the Hindus or the Bengalis or these Punjabis. No. He says particularly, "Any person who has taken his birth in this land of *Bhārata-varṣa*," *janma sārthaka kari*, "you just perfect your life. Just perfect your life," and *kara paropakāra*, "and distribute this knowledge for benefit of all other people."

So this injunction is received, as Caitanya Mahāprabhu says that, "First of all make your life perfect. Don't try to preach without becoming yourself perfect." The nonsense thing is going on in this world that so-called preachers, they have not perfected their life, but they have become preacher. They have not already perfected their life, and they have become preacher. Therefore they are bringing so many nonsense thing and misleading persons, *Vedāntists* and *Vedānta* Society, *yogīs*, this or that. But they are not themselves perfect.

So Caitanya Mahāprabhu said that, "Before becoming preacher, before endeavoring yourself to do good to others, you just perfect yourself." "Physician, heal thyself." Physician, you are yourself diseased. How you can become a physician? People will, at once, will be detracted: "Oh, this doctor, this medical man, he's suffering from fever, and he's treating my fever." So there will be no, I mean to say, effect.

So Caitanya Mahāprabhu says, or His spiritual master says that, *kṛṣṇa-nāma upadeśi' tāra' sarva-jana* (CC Adi 7.92): "First of all You have perfected Yourself by chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa. You have come to the perfectional stage.

Now You have got the symptoms of emotion. Now You can preach *Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare / Hare Rāma, Hare Rāma, Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare*." Yes. " --- https://vanisource.org/wiki/670210_-_Lecture_CC_Adi_07.80-95_-_San_Francisco?hl=first|perfect|preach

"*Pṛthivīte āche yata nagarādi grāma*. Caitanya Mahāprabhu's prediction: "As many towns and villages are there on the surface of the globe, everywhere this Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra, or Lord Caitanya's name, will be celebrated." (CB Antya-khaṇḍa 4.126) That is being done. There is immense field for introducing this Hare Kṛṣṇa cult all over the world. That is practical.

Unfortunately, although Caitanya Mahāprabhu entrusted the matter to every Indian . . . not that (only) to the Bengalis, because He appeared in Bengal. He never said for the Bengalis. He said, *bhārata-bhūmite manuṣya-janma haila yāra* (CC Adi 9.41). "On this holy land of Bhārata-varṣa, anyone who has taken his birth as a human being, he should make his life perfect." *Janma sārthaka kari'*.

You cannot preach without making your life first of all perfect. If I remain imperfect, I cannot preach. One must be perfect. That is not very difficult. We have got direction of great sages and saintly persons and God, Kṛṣṇa, Himself. So to make our life perfect is not at all difficult. We are simply neglecting. That is our misfortune. *Mandāḥ sumanda-matayo manda-bhāgyāḥ* (SB 1.1.10).

Because we are *manda, manda-mataḥ*, we are accept some bogus logic, bogus "ism," and wasting our time. We should take from the *śāstra* the real path. Then we shall become intelligent. *Su-medhasaḥ. Yajñaiḥ saṅkīrtana-prāyair yajanti hi su-medhasaḥ* (SB 11.5.32). The short-cut method. Intelligent class of men will take this *saṅkīrtana* movement for his spiritual elevation of life. It is a fact. It is scientific. It is authorized.

So don't neglect. Take this chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa heart and soul, and anywhere . . . *niyamitaḥ smaraṇe na kālaḥ.* There is no rules and regulation that, "You have to chant at this time or that time, in this position or that position." No. Because it is especially meant for these fallen conditioned soul, there is no hard-and-fast rule.

Nāmnām akāri bahudhā nija-sarva-śaktis tatrārpitā niyamitaḥ smaraṇe na kālaḥ (CC Antya 20.16, Śikṣāṣṭaka 2). The name, the holy name of Kṛṣṇa, is as powerful as Kṛṣṇa. There is no difference with Kṛṣṇa and His name. Kṛṣṇa is Absolute. Therefore there is no distinction between Kṛṣṇa's name, Kṛṣṇa's form, Kṛṣṇa's quality, Kṛṣṇa's entourage, Kṛṣṇa's pastime, from Kṛṣṇa. Everything is Kṛṣṇa.

If you hear about Kṛṣṇa, then you should know that you are touching Kṛṣṇa by aural reception. If you see Kṛṣṇa the Deity, that means you are seeing personally Kṛṣṇa. Because Kṛṣṇa is absolute. He can accept your service, any

way, because He is everything. *Īśāvāsyam idaṁ sarvam* (ISO 1). His energy. *Parasya brahmaṇaḥ śaktis tathedam akhilaṁ jagat*. Everything's Kṛṣṇa's energy. So if we are in touch with Kṛṣṇa's energy, with a little knowledge, we are directly in touch with Kṛṣṇa. This is the process.

And as you become constantly in touch with Kṛṣṇa, that is Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Then you become purified. Purified. Just like if you put one iron rod in the fire, it becomes warm, warmer, warmer, and at last it becomes red hot. When it is red hot, it is fire. It is no more iron rod. Similarly, if you keep always in Kṛṣṇa consciousness, you become Kṛṣṇized. This is the process. Then everything becomes purified; then your spiritual life is manifested. Then your life is successful. " --- https://vanisource.org/wiki/721123_-_Lecture_BG_02.18_-_Hyderabad?hl=first|perfect|preach

"Indians are meant for doing good to others. That is Caitanya Mahāprabhu's mission. An Indian can become perfect because there is all the Vedic literature. *Janma sārthaka kari*. First of all you become perfect, then preach the knowledge for others' benefit. This is Caitanya Mahāprabhu's mission. Now our leaders says, "Throw away these all *śāstras* in the water." This is going on. And what they have gained by throwing away? And actually, government is against us, against my movement in India. What can I do? "--- https://vanisource.org/wiki/750302_-_Conversation_B_-_Atlanta?hl=first|perfect|preach

"**Gurukṛpā:** Śrīla Prabhupāda, what about, say, many of your Godbrothers? They also have disciples, and they also are properly initiated by a proper spiritual master, and they give the Hare Kṛṣṇa *mantra*.

Prabhupāda: The thing is the spirit, real service of preaching, stopped. Formality is going on, but the real business . . . Caitanya Mahāprabhu's movement means *āmāra ājñāya guru hañā tāra ei deśa* (CC Madhya 7.128). That is stopped. Do you follow? The formalities is there, but the real life of Caitanya Mahāprabhu's movement is preaching. Otherwise why Caitanya Mahāprabhu says, *āmāra ājñāya guru hañā tāra ei deśa*? *Tāra* means preach. *Yāre dekha, tāre kaha 'kṛṣṇa-upadeśa* (CC Madhya 7.128). And that is stopped. They are satisfied if they could construct one temple and beg some rice from the neighborhood: "Sir, we have got some temple." That's all. They are satisfied. The spirit of preaching forward—*pāpī tāpī jata chilo, hari-nāme uddhārilo*—that is stopped. So by *hari-nāma*, by chanting, by this way, to live little peacefully in the temple and eat and sleep, that much they have got. If that is the success, that success they have got. And this was condemned by my Guru Mahārāja, that "To earn some money by showing Deity in the temple and eat and sleep—better you become a sweeper in the street and earn your honest livelihood and live." This is cheating. This was condemned. To construct a temple . . . just like the Vṛndāvana *gosvāmīs* are doing. They thought that "This is our business. Some innocent people will come here and

offer some . . . *bās*, that's our good income." According to the temple's popularity, they think, "This is our success." Therefore they are deteriorating. So that is not success. Success is he is who is pushing forward the preaching method. That is his success. And if we think that "By showing a temple Deity we get some money and rice and cloth and just peacefully live here. Don't bother about going to Fiji and all over . . ." (laughs) That much success they have got. But that is not Caitanya Mahāprabhu. *Pṛthivīte āche yata nagarādi grāma, sarvatra pracāra*. (CB *Antya-khaṇḍa* 4.126) What they are doing for that? That is point.

Gurukṛpā: What if sometimes a disciple, he may go to preach, but he's not preaching in the exact same spirit of his spiritual master?

Prabhupāda: Therefore he is not to be preached. Caitanya Mahāprabhu says, *janma sārthaka kari' kara para-upakāra* (CC Adi 9.41): "Go to do good to others, first of all you do good to yourself." First of all you become really preacher. Then go to preach. Caitanya Mahāprabhu never sent neophyte to go to preach. For neophyte the preaching is not their business. For neophyte, one should stick to the worship of Deity in the temple. And those who have understood the philosophy, applied the philosophy in his life, he should go for preaching. Otherwise he'll preach wrongly, like . . . what is that? Charan das Babaji. And it will stop. He wanted to preach, but he did not know how to preach, and therefore, after his life, it is finished. So Caitanya Mahāprabhu does not say like that, that "You remain a rascal and go to preach." No. *Janma sārthaka kari*. "Your first business is that you make your life perfect. Then go to preach. 'Perfect' means you learn how to obey My orders." That is perfection. *Āmāra ājñāya.* So if you are actually, perfectly carrying out the orders of Caitanya Mahāprabhu, then you are preaching. Otherwise you will do wrongly, mislead. Don't do that. *Andhā yathāndhair upanīyamānāḥ* (SB 7.5.31). If you remain blind, don't try to lead other blind men. That is misleading. First of all open your eyes. Everything is there. Nobody can do anything whimsically. If you do whimsically, concoctedly, that will be failure. It will not be effective.

Gurukṛpā: Even though one may get many followers, that is not . . .

Prabhupāda: Many? What you . . .? Many followers . . . the philosophy you present, it must be followed by everyone. That is wanted. You have got, say, ten thousand followers. That does not mean success. Everyone has got some followers. This . . . what is that? Guru-ji Maharaja. He has got also so-called followers. The T.M., he has got also some followers. Everyone has got some followers. But what kind of followers they have? That is quality. Everything has quality. Simply quantity is not. There are many Christians. Even up to date, some Christian fair or . . . many millions will come. What is the quality? Quality is all meat-eater. But Christian means he should not kill. Where is the Christian? So we have to test by the quality, followers. Not many followers; the quality of the followers. My Guru Mahārāja used to say like that, that "If I get

at least one quality disciple, then all my labor will be success." He was saying like that: quality, not the quantity. By quantity if one is amazed, then he is also *goru*. By quality—what kind of followers? That is the . . . from the very beginning my strictures are there that, "You have to follow this"—quality. If I were . . . "No, you can do like Vivekananda. Yes, what you can, whatever you like," then I think quantity would have been very, very big. But I don't say. I make him promise before the fire, before the Deity, before *guru*. “--- https://vanisource.org/wiki/760502_-_Conversation_-_Fiji?hl=first|perfect|preach

“Regarding the recent upheavals in our Society, that business is finished, now we must all concentrate very carefully on the simple execution of our duty following the principles of regulation very strictly in our daily life. If you remain pure by following the instructions of your Spiritual Master there is no chance for maya to enter into the program. So I do not think you will find any more these politics at our Boston center or elsewhere. So please go there and help print our Society's literature, this is a great opportunity for rendering service to Krsna and the humanity at large. “ --- https://vanisource.org/wiki/701116_-_Letter_to_Kulasekhara_written_from_Bombay?hl=following|instructions|master

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TEXT 60

satāṁ prasaṅgān mama vīrya-saṁvido
bhavanti hṛt-karṇa-rasāyanāḥ kathāḥ
taj-joṣaṇād āśv apavarga-vartmani
śraddhā ratir bhaktir anukramiṣyati

SYNONYMS

satām—of the devotees; prasaṅgāt—by intimate association; mama—of Me; vīrya-saṁvidaḥ—talks full of spiritual potency; bhavanti—appear; hṛt—to the heart; karṇa—and to the ears; rasa-āyanāḥ—a source of sweetness; kathāḥ—talks; tat—of them; joṣaṇāt—from proper cultivation; āśu—quickly; apavarga—of liberation; vartmani—on the path; śraddhā—faith; ratiḥ—attraction; bhaktiḥ—love; anukramiṣyati—will follow one after another.

TRANSLATION

"The spiritually powerful message of Godhead can be properly discussed only in a society of devotees, and it is greatly pleasing to hear in that association. If one hears from devotees, the way of transcendental experience quickly opens to him, and gradually he attains a taste in knowledge that in due course develops into attraction and devotion."

PURPORT

This verse appears in Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam (SB 3.25.25), where Kapiladeva replies to the questions of His mother, Devahūti, about the process of devotional service. As one advances in devotional activities, the process becomes progressively clearer and more encouraging. Unless one gets this spiritual encouragement by following the instructions of the spiritual master, it is not possible to make advancement. Therefore, one's development of a taste for executing these instructions is the test of one's devotional service. Initially, a person must develop confidence by hearing the science of devotion from a qualified spiritual master. Then, as he associates with devotees and tries to adopt the means instructed by the spiritual master in his own life, his misgivings and other obstacles are vanquished by his execution of devotional service. Strong attachment for the transcendental service of the Lord develops as he continues listening to the messages of Godhead, and if he steadfastly proceeds in this way, he is certainly elevated to spontaneous love for the Supreme Personality of Godhead.”